

ABOUT AMO

I, Amo Paul Bishop Roden was an eye witness to the Koresh / Roden shootout of Nov. 3, 1987 and Koresh's hostile takeover of the Branch Davidian church property on Nov. 23, 1988. I was listed as a co-plaintiff by George Roden in his 1988 lawsuit to remove Koresh. When the county courts dismissed that lawsuit without allowing a jury to hear it, I appealed that dismissal all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court (because George was in jail). The Supreme Court refused to hear my appeal in 1991.

I believe that the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion means that every church has a right to choose its own leaders. Ninety per cent of Branch Davidians shunned David Koresh as an evil and unprincipled man. The courts enabled him to claim that he was the leader of our church by giving him our property. (See No. 9, "An Honest Church History" for the legal issues.)

My farm was less than a mile from the F.B.I. main field office during the Standoff. I watched every news briefing and my friend Joyce Baty kept all the Waco Tribune Herald updates for me to read, both before and after the Standoff. I began a protest on the afternoon of the fire, at the media briefing, on behalf of the little Christian children who died. The protest continues. (Matt. 18:6) I can do little but proclaim the truth, but what a sword truth is.

I began documenting the cover-up almost immediately. (See No. 4, "The Cover-up.") I moved onto the church property four months after the fire, watched and took notes. I began my own investigation and by the fall of 1996, I had assembled enough of the hidden evidence to know who had lit the fire, how, where and why. I published my results with an assortment of the hidden pictures. (See No. 3, "The Fire.")

In the process of communicating the truth which I had witnessed, I became a prolific writer. I studied (and wrote about) the first church land theft in 1962, which was legalized by the Waco courts in 1966. I witnessed the land ripoff that gave the church property to David Koresh and wrote down my testimony. My published work has been archived in the Texas Collection at Baylor University, which is in Waco. A course about the Branch Davidians taught at Baylor uses that archive as a primary source.

In the winter of 1994 / 1995, God poured his Holy Spirit on me, blessing me with a continuing outflow of

biblical Interpretation. Some of the most controversial parts of that message will be found on this web site, as well as a few basic principles of the church. (See No. 19, "Prophecies Of The End Time Church," and No. 22, "The Holy Family" for some basic beliefs.)

I have been arrested five times, but never tried, burned out twice during my seven years on the church property, assaulted, threatened and vandalized repeatedly, and poisoned and gassed. But for the grace of God I would be old bones.



This is me and my carpenter husband, Tom Drake with three of the buildings which were destroyed by arson. Tom died in 2004.

I thought I would be dead before 1993, because the most powerful country in the world wanted me dead. I made my peace with that. Subsequently, I learned that God decides who lives and who dies. If He isn't ready for you to die, you don't die. Amen.

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Since I began protesting the April 19, 1993 fire, I have been character assassinated. A recent check of the web shows that this continues. I am in good company. Christ himself, who unlike me never sinned, was vilified and crucified. "But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils but by Beelzebub the prince of devils." (Matt. 12:24).

Further, Christ said that his servants would also be vilified. "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" (Matt. 10:25).

Peter offers words of comfort. "...If when you do well, and suffer

for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God... because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example... who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously." (1 Peter 2:20,21,23).

Read my website and judge for yourself. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matt. 7:18).

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